

People Documents' leak easy to pinpoint

There has been a lot of fuss in Washington lately about whether Rep. Otis Pike [D., N. Y.] has been leaking classified material to such undesirables as the American people and the national press. Just last week President Ford himself angrily demanded the return of any classified material in Pike's possession as chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. Just last week Pike wrote Ford a letter admitting he did have a classified document illegally, and he was more than happy to return the thing. It seems that Roderick M. [Rod] Hills, counsel to the President and husband of Ford's ONLY woman cabinet member, Carla, visited Pike's office last July. Hills—normally one of those excessively tidy, wary and efficient people who often become lawyers—accidentally left a red folder on Pike's desk. The folder contained three pages stamped "super sensitive", two letters from CIA Director William Colby and some newspaper clippings. Hills, realizing his goof, asked for the folder, Pike, realizing the breach of security, refused. Until last week. Then Pike wrote in his letter to Ford that he "detested" informers, would not inform on the person involved but would offer "a hint with which I suspect the FBI will be able to track him down. He is the husband of a member of your cabinet." How did word leak out about the leak? Pike had the entire letter printed in the Congressional Record.